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Job Title/Classification: Outdoor Recreation Planner,

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Past Experience:

Outdoor Recreation Planner, acting Project Manager for the National Recreation Management Information System; WO-250, National Recreation Group (4 months)
Outdoor Recreation Planner, Colorado State Office, 5½ years
Environmental Education & Interpretive Specialist, Colorado State Office, 2 years
Outdoor Recreation Planner, Carlsbad, NM, 1½ years
Comptroller/Program Analyst, US West/Quest, 8 years
Accounting Clerk, US West/Quest, 2 years

Why you applied for the PM Training:

I first heard about Project Management back in the mid 80's when I worked for US West. My goal was to attend PM training during that time, but it never happened. With BLM I've been a team member on a national team for the Recreation Management Information System. During a team meeting in October 2002, I heard about the PM course from a former student and was very interested. I felt the training would help me become a more effective team member and learn about developing requirements, implement quality control, and working better with our customers.

How would you rate the quality and content of the training you received:

Each of the Project Management classes exceeded my expectations. The instructors were all very experienced professionals, the course material was great and the case studies pulled the topics together. The first course provided the total picture of PM, the requirements, scheduling/cost and quality control are courses that I can apply to any type of project.

How do you anticipate using you new skills:

The skills I've learned in PM will be used to manage a national recreation system. Working with teams, developing team charters, techniques to prioritize tasks, cost and scheduling are skills I've used since my training. Most of the skills in the 7 classes apply to all types of projects, not just IT. I anticipate using parts of these skills on the job and at home.